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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

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Dear Sir:

I, Masahiko Kuroda, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Japan residing at 1-7-11, Minami-ogikubo, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan. I am a associate professor at Tokyo Medical University.

2. I am named as a co-author of Journal of Pathology, Vol. 199, pp. 318-323 (13 January 2003).

3. I am one of the inventors for the invention disclosed and claimed in US Patent Application No. 10/546484.

4. Although Ms. Akemi Kameta, Mr. Keiichi Isaka, Mr. Masaomi Takayama and Mr. Kiyoshi Mukai are co-authors with me of Journal of Pathology, Vol. 199, pp. 318-323 (13 January 2003), they are not the co-inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in US Patent Application No. 10/546484.

Ms. Akemi Kameta was named as a co-author of Journal of Pathology, Vol. 199, pp. 318-323 (13 January 2003) because Ms. Akemi Kameta simply acted at my behest or that of Mr. Tetsuya Ohbayashi or Mr. Kosuke Oikawa in the collection and preparation of the sample materials described in Journal of Pathology, Vol. 199, pp. 318-323 (13 January 2003).

Mr. Keiichi Isaka, Mr. Masaomi Takayama and Mr. Kiyoshi Mukai were named as co-authors in light of their role as supervising the overall efforts, but were not involved in the substantive aspects of the project.

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Ms. Akemi Kameta, Mr. Keiichi Isaka, Mr. Masaomi Takayama and Mr. Kiyoshi Mukai did not have any role in the conception of the invention and did not invent the subject matter of US Patent Application No. 10/546484.

I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Signed this 15th of August, 2009 at Tokyo, Japan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masahiko KURODA', written over a horizontal line.

Masahiko KURODA